



American Model United Nations
World Health Organization Executive Board

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Promoting the health of migrants

SUBMITTED TO: The World Health Organization Executive Board

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1 *Reaffirming* the World Health Organization's (WHO) commitment to promoting health in all regions in
2 accord with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

3 *Fulfilling* our commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) for Universal
4 Access to Healthcare,

5 *Recognizing* the importance of collaboration between the United Nations agencies including but not limited to
6 the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations International Children's Emergency
7 Fund (UNICEF), International Organization of Migration (IOM) etc,

8 *Acknowledging* that the United Convention on the Rights of Migration recognizes migrants based on their
9 motive for migration including refugees and internally displaced persons,

10 *Noting* the success of the programs provided by the UNHCR, IOM, and UNICEF in facilitating and provid-
11 ing crucial healthcare services with internal displacement as well as receiving and sending States for international
12 displacement,

13 *Emphasizing* the importance and outreach of these comprehensive healthcare services and programs such as
14 the Migration Health Assessment Centres (MHAC) and IOM Clinics,

15 *Further Emphasizing* the success of these programs in which it maximize services to the whole population
16 independent of the government,

17 *Guided by* the principles established by the Framework of Priorities and Guiding Principles To Promote The
18 Health of Refugees And Migrants (2017),

19 1. *Recommends* the establishment of additional refugee health strategy programs in collaboration with
20 UNHCR which creates specialized strategy plans that prioritize the most vulnerable refugees by mainstreaming
21 them into the national health systems which:

22 (a) Allows easy access for refugees to the preventive and curative programmes such as national pro-
23 grammes on tuberculosis (TB), malaria, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis, family planning, expanded
24 program on immunization (EPI) and programmes for non-communicable diseases;

25 2. *Encourages* the implementation and expansion of services such as or similar to the MHAC and IOM
26 clinics which:

27 (a) Provide internally displaced persons with emergency care and treatment;

28 (b) Provide international bound migrants and refugees with screenings and treatment for communi-
29 cable diseases, especially for TB;

30 (c) Provide of preventative care such as vaccinations;

31 (d) Reduces costs correlated with lack of preventative care;

32 3. *Invites* the creation of a universal standard of health conditions in all United Nations Refugee camps and
33 centers in collaboration with UNHCR and WHO through:

34 (a) The prevention of the spread of communicable diseases by ensuring all centers have proper
35 sanitation and hygiene regulations along with infrastructure;

36 (b) Expanding refugee clinics which also include maternal and child health services and mental
37 health counseling;

38 (c) Guidelines to optimize sanitary conditions in refugee camps, with specific tips relating to regions
39 lacking in infrastructure;

40 (d) Through the development of clean water systems and proper waste disposal and treatment
41 techniques;

42 4. *Supports* the foundation of an international health database for migrants that is managed by IOM and
43 UNHCR in collaboration with the WHO and shared with Member States:

44 (a) Stores migrant health records enabling accessibility to said information regardless of the state in
45 which they are seeking care;

46 (b) Streamlines the process of treatment, especially in cases of emergency care;

47 5. *Further Recommends* the expansion of children centered health programs through collaboration with
48 UNICEF which provides:

49 (a) Care for immigrant and refugee children mental health support for those who have lost their
50 families or require special care due to trauma in general;

51 (b) Immunizations to infants and children;

52 (c) Stable and nutritious food to address malnourishment and undernourishment;

53 (d) Special medical and emergency care that is child-centered;

54 6. *Encourages* Member States of the WHO to continue the collaboration with IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF to
55 protect and expand these crucial health programs and services that serve a high number of migrants and refugees
56 by providing easy access and patient-centered care.

Passed, Yes: 18 / No: 1 / Abstain: 1